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1. A large tank unit was seen moving through Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) at 6 a.m. on 22 April 1950. The proprietor of a service station, who had to supply the Soviet vehicles with water and air, said that the vehicles had been moving since 2 a.m.

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2. The following vehicles were identified between 6 and 8 a.m.:

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Four JS tanks

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fifteen SP guns

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one armored reconnaissance car

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twenty-seven trucks

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The column arrived in Magdeburg from the east, and left heading north. The column was followed as far as Barleben, where it headed toward Dolle.\*

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the vehicles probably belonged to tank and SP artillery elements of the Burg 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt/4th Shock Army. Elements of this regiment had been entrained in Burg for Jaevenitz (Letzling Heath troop training grounds) on 22 and 23 April 1950. The regiment also held its 1949 summer exercises in the northern section of the Letzling Heath.

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